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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 12 May 2000 (12.05.00)	
International application No. PCT/FI99/00724	Applicant's or agent's file reference 48668
International filing date (day/month/year) 07 September 1999 (07.09.99)	Priority date (day/month/year) 08 September 1998 (08.09.98)
Applicant SUONVIERI, Jukka	

1.- The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:
31 March 2000 (31.03.00)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was
☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 48668	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/FI 99/ 00724	International filing date (day/month/year) 07/09/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 08/09/1998
Applicant NOKIA NETWORKS OY		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.
☐ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

A METHOD AND A SYSTEM FOR DETECTING COMMUNICATION RELAYING NETWORK ELEMENTS

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

CT/FI 99/00724

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H04B7/26

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 H04B H04J H04Q

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 96 07250 A (TELIA AB ;WICKMAN JOHAN (SE)) 7 March 1996 (1996-03-07) page 5, line 19 - line 24 claim 1 ---	1, 2, 13, 14, 18-20
A	WO 96 16522 A (NOKIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS OY ;SUONVIERI JUKKA (FI)) 30 May 1996 (1996-05-30) page 1, line 1 - line 14 page 2, line 1 -page 3, line 1 -----	3

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

° Special categories of cited documents :

"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance

"E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date

"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)

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"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

"&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

20 December 1999

Date of mailing of the international search report

12/01/2000

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Application No

PCT/FI 99/00724

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
W0 9607250	A	07-03-1996	AU 3268095 A	22-03-1996
			EP 0776551 A	04-06-1997
			SE 9402769 A	20-02-1996
			US 5910943 A	08-06-1999
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W0 9616522	A	30-05-1996	FI 97094 B	28-06-1996
			AU 688622 B	12-03-1998
			AU 3929795 A	17-06-1996
			CN 1138936 A	25-12-1996
			EP 0740890 A	06-11-1996
			JP 9511637 T	18-11-1997
			NO 963016 A	19-09-1996
			US 5831974 A	03-11-1998
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 48668	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/FI99/00724	International filing date (day/month/year) 07/09/1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 08/09/1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H04B7/26		
Applicant NOKIA NETWORKS OY et al.		



1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 31/03/2000	Date of completion of this report 07.11.2000
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/FI99/00724

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of *(substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).)*:

Description, pages:

1,3-8,10	as originally filed		
2,2b,9	as received on	31/08/2000	with letter of 31/08/2000

Claims, No.:

1-20	as originally filed
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Drawings, sheets:

1/5-5/5	as originally filed
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2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
 - ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
 - ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).
3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:
- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 - ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 - ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.
4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/FI99/00724

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-20
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-20
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-20
	No:	Claims	

- 2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet**

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. The invention relates to a method for detecting network elements relaying communications between a base station and a mobile station.
2. Problem: How to detect a relaying element relaying a communication between a base station and a mobile station?

Solution: An increase in time delay is detected.

3. According to D1 (= WO-A-96/07250) a message (page 5, line 20) is added by the relaying network element to a control field regarding the time delay. Thus, no detection of an increase in time delay has to take place. Consequently, the solution according to the invention is non-obvious.

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
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Date of mailing (day/month/year)

06 December 1999 (06.12.99)

Applicant's or agent's file reference

48668 /ML

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.

PCT/FI99/00724

International filing date (day/month/year)

07 September 1999 (07.09.99)

1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:

☒ the applicant ☐ the inventor ☐ the agent ☐ the common representative

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2. The International Bureau hereby notifies the applicant that the following change has been recorded concerning:

☐ the person ☐ the name ☒ the address ☐ the nationality ☐ the residence

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3. Further observations, if necessary:

4. A copy of this notification has been sent to:

☒ the receiving Office ☐ the designated Offices concerned
☒ the International Searching Authority ☐ the elected Offices concerned
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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 16 March 2000 (16.03.00)		IMPORTANT NOTICE	
Applicant's or agent's file reference 48668			
International application No. PCT/FI99/00724	International filing date (day/month/year) 07 September 1999 (07.09.99)	Priority date (day/month/year) 08 September 1998 (08.09.98)	
Applicant NOKIA NETWORKS OY et al			

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:

AU,CN,EP,JP,KP,KR,US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:

AE,AL,AM,AP,AT,AZ,BA,BB,BG,BR,BY,CA,CH,CR,CU,CZ,DE,DK,DM,EA,EE,ES,FI,GB,GD,GE,GH,
GM,HR,HU,ID,IL,IN,IS,KE,KG,KZ,LC,LK,LR,LS,LT,LU,LV,MD,MG,MK,MN,MW,MX,NO,NZ,OA,PL,
PT,RO,RU,SD,SE,SG,SI,SK,SL,TJ,TM,TR,TT,UA,UG,UZ,VN,YU,ZA,ZW

The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on
16 March 2000 (16.03.00) under No. WO 00/14906

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the national phase, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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In figure 1b a floor plan identical to the floor plan in figure 1a is shown. However, in figure 1b a radio repeater 14 is placed so that the coverage area 15 of the radio repeater 14 covers the dead zone 13 of the base station 11, shown in figure 1a.

5 In figure 2 it is shown how a mobile station 21b, situated behind an obstacle 22 in a dead zone of the base station 11 communicates with the base station 11 via a radio repeater 14. When a mobile station 21b is used, the radio repeater 14 receives the communication and transmits it to the base station 11, typically using the same channel, although in some cases the use of channel changing radio repeaters are preferred. Accordingly the communication from the base station 11 is relayed via
10 the radio repeater 14 to the mobile station 21b. Communications between the base station 11 and a second mobile station 21a that is within the coverage area of the base station are performed directly without radio repeater 14.

A basic radio repeater consists of a receiving and a transmitting section with at least two antennas, one covering the dead zone of the base station and another to carry
15 out the communication with the base station. A typical use of radio repeaters is just to relay the received communications in a same channel, both downlink from the base stations to the mobile station and uplink from the mobile station to the base station. For economical reasons there is no sophisticated monitoring equipment usually included in the radio repeaters. Therefore in the prior art there is no way of
20 getting any information about the operation of the radio repeaters to the network management system. This can cause situations where a radio repeater can be out of operation without the operator knowing it before receiving complaints from customers who have noticed that they have a dead zone in some area.

For the man skilled in the art an obvious solution to get more information about the
25 function of radio repeaters would be to include sophisticated monitoring equipment in a radio repeater. This equipment could then be connected directly or through the base station to the network management system. This solution would however mean a considerable increase in the manufacturing cost of the radio repeater.

An object of the present invention is to provide a new method for detecting communication relaying network elements, like radio repeaters. The method can be
30 utilised without any monitoring equipment in the element itself thus eliminating the above stated problems of the prior art.

propagation time delays between a base station and a mobile station. Therefore the actual way of determining the timing advance is not relevant to the present invention.

5 In fig 7a and 7b two embodiment of a system 70 according the present invention are shown. In figure 7a the system is placed in a Base Station Controller 72 and in 7b the system 70 is placed in a Base Transceiver Station 74. The system 70 has I/O-interface 76 via which the system can communicate with the Network Management system 75 and monitor communications between BTS 74 and mobile stations 21a and 21b. Communication time delays between BTS 74 and mobile stations 21a and 10 21b are monitored and different relay elements identified by the processor 71. The program 73 saved in the memory 72 is used to control processor 71 so that the relay causing network elements can be detected and possibly identified using the method according the present invention.

15 The name of a given functional entity, such as the base station controller, is often different in the context of different cellular telecommunication systems. For example, in the UMTS system the functional entity corresponding to a base station controller (BSC) is the radio network controller (RNC). Therefore, the particular terminology used to denote various functional entities in this specification are only examples according to the GSM system, and do not limit the invention in any way.

20 In view of the foregoing description it will be evident to a person skilled in the art that various modifications may be made within the scope of the invention. While a preferred embodiment of the invention has been described in detail, it should be apparent that many modifications and variations thereto are possible, all of which fall within the true spirit and scope of the invention.

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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WRITTEN OPINION

(PCT Rule 66)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference

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from the above date of mailing

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International application No.

PCT/FI99/00724

International filing date (day/month/year)

07/09/1999

Priority date (day/month/year)

08/09/1998

International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC

H04B7/26

Applicant

NOKIA NETWORKS OY et al.

1. This written opinion is the **first** drawn up by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.

2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the opinion
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☐ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain document cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

3. The applicant is hereby **invited to reply** to this opinion.

When? See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).

How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

Also: For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4.
For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis.
For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.

4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: **08/01/2001**.

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I. Basis of the opinion

1. This opinion has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed".*):

Description, pages:

1-10 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-20 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/5-5/5 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. This opinion has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: WO-A-96/07250

2. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.

Re Item VIII

Certain observations on the international application

1. The vague and imprecise statement in the description on page 9, lines 20 - 24 implies that the subject-matter for which protection is sought may be different to that defined by the claims, thereby resulting in lack of clarity (Article 6 PCT) when used to interpret them (see also the PCT Guidelines, PCT-Guidelines III, 4.3a). Therefore, this passage should be deleted.

However, a wording such as "It should be apparent that many modifications and variations of the invention are possible within the scope of the appended claims" is considered to comply with the PCT-Guidelines III 4.3a and Art. 6 PCT.

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND	
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		Applicant's or agent's file reference 48668	
International application No. PCT/FI99/00724	International filing date (day/month/year) 7 September 1999 (07.09.99)	(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) 8 September 1998 (08.09.98)	
Title of invention A METHOD AND A SYSTEM FOR DETECTING COMMUNICATION RELAYING NETWORK ELEMENTS			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.			

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is ☒ agent ☐ common representative
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the claims ☒ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)

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the drawings ☒ as originally filed

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2. ☐ The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

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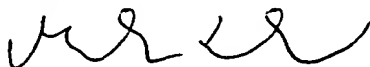
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CHAPTER II

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Annex to the Demand for international preliminary examination

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 48668	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/FI 99/ 00724	International filing date (day/month/year) 07/09/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 08/09/1998
Applicant NOKIA NETWORKS OY		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.
☐ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

A METHOD AND A SYSTEM FOR DETECTING COMMUNICATION RELAYING NETWORK ELEMENTS

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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REPLY TO WRITTEN OPINION
INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION NO. PCT/FI99/00724
APPLICANT: NOKIA NETWORKS OY

Dear Sirs,

Replacement pages for pages 2 and 9 of the description are attached. The points raised by the examiner (re item VII and VIII) are taken care of the amendments. D1 is now mentioned in the text on page 2, and the offending phrase has been deleted from page 9.

Yours faithfully,
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In figure 1b a floor plan identical to the floor plan in figure 1a is shown. However, in figure 1b a radio repeater 14 is placed so that the coverage area 15 of the radio repeater 14 covers the dead zone 13 of the base station 11, shown in figure 1a.

5 In figure 2 it is shown how a mobile station 21b, situated behind an obstacle 22 in a dead zone of the base station 11 communicates with the base station 11 via a radio repeater 14. When a mobile station 21b is used, the radio repeater 14 receives the communication and transmits it to the base station 11, typically using the same channel, although in some cases the use of channel changing radio repeaters are preferred. Accordingly the communication from the base station 11 is relayed via
10 the radio repeater 14 to the mobile station 21b. Communications between the base station 11 and a second mobile station 21a that is within the coverage area of the base station are performed directly without radio repeater 14.

A basic radio repeater consists of a receiving and a transmitting section with at least two antennas, one covering the dead zone of the base station and another to carry
15 out the communication with the base station. A typical use of radio repeaters is just to relay the received communications in a same channel, both downlink from the base stations to the mobile station and uplink from the mobile station to the base station. For economical reasons there is no sophisticated monitoring equipment usually included in the radio repeaters. Therefore in the prior art there is no way of
20 getting any information about the operation of the radio repeaters to the network management system. This can cause situations where a radio repeater can be out of operation without the operator knowing it before receiving complaints from customers who have noticed that they have a dead zone in some area.

For the man skilled in the art an obvious solution to get more information about the
25 function of radio repeaters would be to include sophisticated monitoring equipment in a radio repeater. This equipment could then be connected directly or through the base station to the network management system. This solution would however mean a considerable increase in the manufacturing cost of the radio repeater.

The document WO 96/07250 describes various problems and arrangements
30 regarding repeaters. However, those arrangements do not provide solutions for the present problems.

An object of the present invention is to provide a new method for detecting communication relaying network elements, like radio repeaters. The method can be utilised without any monitoring equipment in the element itself thus eliminating the above stated problems of the prior art.

propagation time delays between a base station and a mobile station. Therefore the actual way of determining the timing advance is not relevant to the present invention.

5 In fig 7a and 7b two embodiment of a system 70 according the present invention are shown. In figure 7a the system is placed in a Base Station Controller 72 and in 7b the system 70 is placed in a Base Transceiver Station 74. The system 70 has I/O-interface 76 via which the system can communicate with the Network Management system 75 and monitor communications between BTS 74 and mobile stations 21a and 21b. Communication time delays between BTS 74 and mobile stations 21a and 10 21b are monitored and different relay elements identified by the processor 71. The program 73 saved in the memory 72 is used to control processor 71 so that the relay causing network elements can be detected and possibly identified using the method according the present invention.

15 The name of a given functional entity, such as the base station controller, is often different in the context of different cellular telecommunication systems. For example, in the UMTS system the functional entity corresponding to a base station controller (BSC) is the radio network controller (RNC). Therefore, the particular terminology used to denote various functional entities in this specification are only examples according to the GSM system, and do not limit the invention in any way.

20 In view of the foregoing description it will be evident to a person skilled in the art that various modifications may be made within the scope of the invention. While a preferred embodiment of the invention has been described in detail, it should be apparent that many modifications and variations thereto are possible.

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